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) Group Art Unit: 3681

In re Patent Application of:

Toshio KOBAYASHI

Appln. No.: 09/816,146

09/816,146 ) Examiner: To Be Assigned

Filed: March 26, 2001

For: POWER TRANSMITTING SYSTEM FOR FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLE

#### SUPPLEMENTAL FORMAL DRAWING TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to Applicant's Submission of Proof of Earlier Filing which was sent earlier today via facsimile, submitted herewith are nine (9) formal drawing sheets which are to replace the originally filed drawing sheets. The enclosed drawings are respectfully submitted to satisfy all formal drawing requirements.

If for any reason the enclosed drawings are not deemed to satisfy all formal drawing requirements, drawing requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted, SMITH, GAMBRELL & RUSSELL, LLP

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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

ATTENTION: BOX MISSING PARTS

Asst. Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application mailed May 8, 2001, (copy attached) for the above-identified application, attached is:

- 1) Formal Drawing Transmittal Letter
- Nine sheets of formal drawings.

If any fees are validly required in connection with the filing of this Transmittal, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4300

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#### NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

#### Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);
  - Drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, and copy marks.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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### SUBMISSION OF PROOF OF EARLIER FILING

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith are: (A) a stamped post card dated May 25, 2001 which identifies the above noted case (see the discussion below concerning serial number on post card); and (B) a true copy of each of the items named in the post card; namely, (i) Response to Notice to File Missing Parts (and the Notice itself which was referenced in the Response and filed together with the Response); (ii) a Formal Drawing Transmittal and (iii) nine (9) formal drawing sheets which were to replace the originally filed drawings.

It is noted that the serial number indicated on the post card, the Response and Formal Drawing Transmittal indicated 09/806,146 rather than 09/816,146, but all other identifiers were accurate such as the inventor name, the filing date, the title and the attorney docket number. The documents were also filed with the actual Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (pointing out need for formal drawings) which identified the 09/816,146 and thus it is believed sufficient information was provided for properly matching up the documents.

Under separate cover, there is being resubmitted to the USPTO mailroom a Supplement Formal Drawing Transmittal with formal drawings in view of the facsimile quality of the copy set being forwarded with this filing.

Applicant looks forward to receipt of confirmation that the earlier filed documents are being processed to complete the missing requirement (i.e., formal drawing submission) noted in the Notice To File Corrected Application Papers. If there is required anything in addition to the above, please telephone the undersigned.

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List of attached document(s):

Response to Notice to File Missing Parts Formal Drawing Transmittal

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